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Mr. Mortimer M. Caplin, President  
National Civil Service League  
1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mort:

I am pleased to forward the nomination of Dr. R. J. Smith for the Career Service Award. Dr. Smith is the Deputy Director for Intelligence and consequently my senior intelligence analyst responsible for the production of national intelligence. His Directorate has the job of assembling raw data and developing from it the intelligence analysis upon which national policy is based. He is also my principal adviser on National Security Council matters.

Dr. Smith has been nominated twice before. Perhaps we let him down both times by not making sufficiently clear just how distinguished his record is and how great a contribution he has made. As an adviser and manager, he has excelled. His rather special combination of creative brilliance and integrity deserve recognition. In the final analysis, it is the leadership and judgment of men like Dr. Smith on which we rely.

Sincerely, . . .

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick".

Richard Helms  
Director

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